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MR. HARRISON RECEIVES PAYMENT.
There have been Presidents of the United States for whose general inability the country drooped its head shamefacedly. There have been others had enough to have suffered arraignment for misdirected vigor. It has remained for BENJAMIN HARRISON to supply a new phase of National mortification to every unshamed citizen.

The Senate yesterday passed a bill to pay President HARRISON and his late law partners \$2,500. This is awarded him for legal services not performed for the United States, for which \$500 has already been paid to his firm by the State of Indiana, and for something which the auditing authorities of the Government had severely declared in official utterances to have no claim upon the United States.

If this bill fails to secure Mr. HARRISON's veto when it reaches him then he will score the lowest notch of smallness ever achieved by a Chief Executive of this country. Make an effort, Mr. HARRISON, and disclaim this trivial loot.

"KITING" CHECKS.
Mr. CONRAD N. JORDAN, in his testimony before Commissioner SHIELDS, explained a financial wrinkle known as "kiting" checks. It consists in depositing in a bank where a man has a balance a check on some other bank where he has no account. Then he can obtain a certified check on the bank where he has the balance for his deposit plus the fictitious check. It will be a day or two before the deposited check can be presented for payment and in the mean time the man makes it good.

Mr. JORDAN was of the opinion that some bankers "perhaps" countenanced this "kiting checks." It is very certain that solid business men would not do so, and the honesty of the thing could not do so, and the honesty of the thing could not do so, and the honesty of the thing could not do so.

THE LAGGING WORLD'S FAIR.
The House Committee on a World's Fair made its report yesterday. It submitted two bills, each providing for a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by an International Exhibition in 1922, one of them leaving the name of the city where it should be held blank, while the other named Washington as the site.

PRECIOUS TIME IS BEING LOST.
All the energy and endeavor here which at the passage of the bill in the Legislature would have crystallized at once into results has been made not only null but a mortifying reflection through the bumptious arrogance of the man from Oregon. No more time should be lost.

SHALL IT REMAIN?
Mr. HOAG, Republican Assemblyman from the Eleventh District, has introduced a bill to abolish the office of City Chamberlain. There are many who feel that enormous pay for light service is not a good footing for a municipal office. Even Mr. CHOKER felt that the City Chamberlain was a superfluous functionary. It seems a pity to deprive the amiable young man whom Mayor GRANT has placed in the Chamberlain's chair of the grateful \$25,000 a year. But even if he gets only one year's income it is a pleasant plum for a provident young thing. The office should go now.

THAT WEEKLY PAYMENT.
One interesting fact developed by the agitation for the act of justice to the worker of paying him his wages every week is that this is already in operation with a number of men who employ a large force of workmen. They readily acknowledge the right the men have to their weekly payment, and gladly give their names to swell the list of those who advocate the bill. The workmen make no dissenting voice, though a few, terrified by tyrannous corporations, dare not avow their desire for the law. Let it come quickly.

A young man not yet thirty has three living wives. There is no excuse for this profusion of wives when the divorce courts yield so placidly to the demands

of married people for freedom from their bonds. There is nothing to be said in extension of the man-murdering man. Not even does his loving disposition excuse him.

EMPEROR WILLIAM is in earnest apparently over the rights of the working people. He is doing what he can to bring about desirable changes. This is a very respectable role for an Emperor to play.

SPOTLIGHTS.
Two detectives were arrested by a woman for undetecting.

"Will you gently over me stealing" is the song for "Old Hootie" when he thinks of Bert King and his band of thieves.

It is an awful poor "ad" for a "burlesque" which is to be given by night workers with the "Jenny".

There must be a quantity of flowers that "which upon and waste their sweetness on the desert air" in Williamsburg. The air is so sweet that people are made sick by it.

To some of our lady novelists "We drop this sentence here. That they look much better in mugs than they do in print."

Prince Lihue Singh is up to his ears in debt. He was almost reduced to becoming a "foot-print on the sands of Time."

The Berlin police cannot get the mice out of their barracks. "The coppers" will not admit that this is a barracks.

A gentleman said called his wife by mistake. The paragraph becomes mournful only when it is known that they loved each other and were glad they were married.

It was Boston lady's call of a gentleman who was really nauseated, that he had a reversible stomach.

FAIDS AND FRILLS.
Dresden has crept into the fitting room of the fashionable dressmaker, who puts dreamy fantastic beauty into the ball dress, makes an opera toilet hypnotic in its softest effect, and the street suit attractive in sentiment.

The new bridal travelling trousseau is made of silk and lined with fine glassed leather, and contains pockets for scent, salts, mirror, purse, cracker, toilet brushes and combs, a telephone book and a small case for handkerchiefs, slippers, a collar and a silk night robe.

Cracker jars have place on toilet tables, and they hold—crackers? Soda biscuits? Bah! My lady's handkerchiefs. Dying roses are crumpled up, and the fragrant petals crumpled over them, making a potpourri of linen and leaves.

If you hear the snow and frost mentioned fairly while crepe de Chine or India silk and silver trimmings.

The school of etiquette a young lady was taught to raise her eyes and look straight into the face of the listener to better understand the impression she was making. Now the student faces a melancholy case upon the highest of the wall, to which intimate ledge her remark is addressed and on which her person is wasted. The effect is dull and convenient as well for the critic who sees nothing and fears nothing as for the listener who hears nothing.

It is the fashion now for Mrs. Finance to give dinner parties for eighteen young ladies eighteen years of age.

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And gazes at her sweet face;
But she is asleep, and he knows it,
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HOW GIRLS ARE PROPOSED TO.

None Hear the Magic Words in the Manner They Anticipated.

Tales Told by Veteran Benedict of Their Courtship Days.

"Every girl makes up her mind at some time in her life that she will never accept any man who does not propose gracefully," said a man who was sipping claret with a Chicago Tribune man and several others the other day.

"He has got to be fully tugged out in a dress suit and has got to kneel according to the Delacorte system. That is their idea at first, but I'll bet there isn't one girl in a hundred who ever gets her proposal that way—at least from the one she accepts—and I'll leave it to the present company to decide if each one will give the circumstances of his proposal."

"We're in," said a gray-haired Benedict, "begin with your own."

"All right," I took my wife that was to be, and is now, sleighing. We were talking about sentimental things and neglected to notice that we ran onto a long stretch of road where the wind had cleared of snow. We never noticed it until the horse stopped, utterly exhausted. There was nothing to do but to get out and lead the horse back, because he couldn't drag us. I proposed on the way back, while I was trudging along a country road with my left hand on a horse's bridle and the other—well, never mind that. She accepted me, but she always said it was a mistake. I refused to let her off, though, or to propose again in a dress suit."

"My proposal," said the gray-haired old man, "was made about a year ago. I was in a four-seat sleigh, and in going over a bump of some kind the seat, with us on it, was thrown off. We landed in a nice, comfortable snow-drift, and the sleigh went on for a mile before we were missed. When it came back for us, however, we were engaged. We weren't in a dignified position, but we were very comfortable and we had the seat still with us. Since then my wife has frequently stated that she had never intended to accept a man unless he proposed in true novel form, but she did."

"I'll give you a Summer story," said a young man but recently married. "I did my courting in a place full of romance, but the proposal never came at a romantic time—in fact, I don't think a man is responsible for the time he proposes. It just comes, and that is all there is of it. I had the most favorable occasions in romantic romances. Finally I had a two-mile run in the dark, and I apologized and took off my coat; then I apologized again and took off my vest. It wasn't romantic, but it came out right. The lady was a little drifted half a mile, and I wouldn't have cared if it had drifted ten miles. We were engaged. And I looked like a tramp at the time."

"And I'll tell you that sentimentality doesn't go," said a lawyer. "I know, because I've tried it. I proposed to my wife first on a train, and she said she would marry me if I proposed on a train. I was the fashion now for Mrs. Finance to give dinner parties for eighteen young ladies eighteen years of age."

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NOW TO PLACE THE GUILT.

Evidence all Submitted in the London Murder Mystery.

The Interesting Contest Was Closed at 12 O'Clock To-Day.

As announced, the London Murder Mystery closed at noon today, and solutions received after that hour are not eligible for the prize.

The task of ascertaining and judging the hundreds of letters received is by no means an easy one, and at the earliest possible moment a decision will be made.

If space permitted, the publication of all solutions received would form an interesting reading, as the chain of circumstantial evidence has been minutely woven round all characters concerned in the story.

This contest has afforded many opportunities for the display of detective talent, and many well-known third-rate characters have devoted themselves to the task of finding Margaret Orme's murderer on paper, hiding their identity under a nom de plume.

Hyde, Indisposed by Smithers.
"Well," said the detective a few days later, in making his report to his chief, "I have found that Hyde committed the murder, indicated by Mabel Smithers."

Her name, knowing that Andersen was a friend of Hyde's, and that he was to be given some money, a year ago as he lived, and waiting to go with Hyde himself, having lived as his wife for some time, Hyde told me that he was to murder Margaret, and then Mabel came to America and lived on the money which Andersen would pay them.

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CLOSE TO SIXTY THOUSAND.

Exciting Stage of the School Teachers' Watch Contest.

Only Six Days More to Vote—Leaders' Order Unchanged.

Less than a week remains for friends of the candidates in THE EVENING WORLD'S contest to vote for their favorite teacher, and all who have not yet voted are urged to send in their ballots at the earliest possible moment.

Miss Jarecki leads today with her vote increased to 29,875. Mrs. Burns is still a good second with 26,727, while Miss Crawford holds on to third place with 22,292.

In fourth position Miss Lieberman has increased her score to 18,353, while Miss Meyer, in fifth place, has increased her total up to 14,841. Miss Eagan's unchanged record of 6,715 still keeps her in sixth place.

The watch is one of the finest of movements. It is full jeweled, with rubies, emeralds, sapphires and other fine stones, and is a beautiful piece of art.

The watch is now on exhibition in the show windows of the well-known jewelry firm of C. C. Adams & Co., 474 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

In all cases where possible, indicate the number of the school, as well as city, with which the candidate is connected.

All votes must be on the ballot printed below. Cut out the blank, properly fill out and sign it, and send it to THE EVENING WORLD.

Any lady teacher in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, can be a candidate in THE EVENING WORLD'S contest. The teacher receiving the largest number of votes will be presented with an elegant gold watch, purchased from Edwin A. Thrall, of 4 Maiden lane. Mr. Thrall thus describes the prize:

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